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For : HALFTONE PHASE SHIFTING PHOTOMASK AND BLANKS  
FOR HALFTONE PHASE SHIFTING PHOTOMASK  
THEREFOR AND A METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERN BY  
USING THE HALFTONE PHASE SHIFTING PHOTOMASK

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- Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on Japanese Application No. 2000-101907, filed April 4, 2000.
  - A certified copy of the priority application is enclosed.
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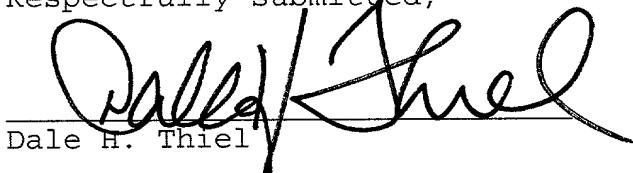
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